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The
Lincoln Farm Celebration

President Roosevelt Lays the
Corner-stone and Delivers
the Centennial
Address

Secretary of War Wright
and Others Speak





The Memorial Building to be Erected on the Lincoln Farm

The corner-stone of this edifice was laid by the President, February 12, on the one hundredth anniversary of Lincoln's birth. It will be completed within a year, and dedicated by Mr. Taft twelve months hence. The log cabin in which Lincoln was born, and which originally stood on the very spot where the Memorial is now being erected, will be housed within these granite walls, to be kept for all time as a national relic



IN THE three years' history of The Lincoln Farm Association the program for the centennial has taken very full and concrete form. It was decided by the Association to build on the birthplace farm, which is in the geographical center of the State of Kentucky, a memorial building which will cost about one hundred thousand dollars. This museum will house and protect the weather-worn little log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born. The farm, a rough little patch of one hundred and ten acres, bisected by the old Louisville and Nashville Pike, will be kept a farm growing corn and squash, blue-grass and grain, as it has always done since the day that Thomas Lincoln took his little family to venture into the wilderness beyond the broad Ohio. On these broken and uneven acres Lincoln's countrymen will lay their tribute, to mark the ground on which stood the first home of him "whose memory is the strongest, tenderest tie that binds all hearts together now, and holds all States beneath the Nation's flag." The building will be constructed of pink granite and fireproof material throughout.

Once every year at least, probably on Decoration Day, the nation will hold on these historic acres some form of a national celebration. Lying, as this birthplace does, almost at the center of our population, it will be the most accessible national shrine, and in many ways it will be the most significant, if not the most inspiring. It will become the Nation's Commons, the meeting-place of North and South, of East and West, a great national school of peace and unity, where all sectional animosity will forever be buried. President Roosevelt has called it "A National Temple of Patriotic Righteousness." It is in this spirit that it will be accepted by the American people.

We have tried to honor the memory of Columbus as we should and always must do. We shall never be able to adequately honor the memory of Washington. Nothing we shall ever do can add to the fame of Lincoln. He knew the grandest truths, he had the brain of a philosopher and the heart of a mother, and his life was actuated by but one great passion—the salvation of the Republic. He aimed at lofty ideals: he did merciful things; his life was an unbroken expression of human kindness. "He was," indeed, "the gentlest memory of our world." His memory is a heritage we can not afford to lose. We but honor ourselves and our posterity when we try to honor him. We have no greater national asset than the story of his life. Believing this, The Lincoln Farm Association has called upon the American people to save his birthplace from neglect and vandalism, and to perpetuate it as a birthplace of patriotism.

The work begun three years ago has inspired the widest interest in the Lincoln Centennial. The Grand Army of the Republic issued a special order calling upon every post to appropriately

In many of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific States, Mayors and Governors issued the picturesque proclamation calling upon all business and all wheels of industry to stop abruptly for five minutes at high noon on February 12, that the centennial anniversary of the birth of Lincoln might be properly impressed upon the minds of the people.



THAT this nation might not be deprived of this inspiration to coming generations, The Lincoln Farm Association assumed three years ago the pleasant but by no means meager task of preserving the cabin logs. The wisdom that doubted the national significance and the intrinsic worth of this enterprise has faded away before the accumulating faith which the American people have demonstrated in the cause of conserving this little log cabin. More than one hundred thousand citizens of Lincoln's country have contributed an aggregate of over a hundred thousand dollars that his first home might not perish from the earth and that the sod on which his feet first trod might not longer be left in neglect.

The success of the work of The Lincoln Farm Association is assured, but the task is by no means completed. The building which will protect this cabin home, the corner-stone of which President Roosevelt will lay, will be completed, it is hoped, in the early autumn, and dedicated twelve months hence to the nation by President Taft.

The task that confronts The Lincoln Farm Association at this time is to raise, by popular subscription, the last fifty thousand dollars necessary for the construction of the memorial building. The object and the full history of the Association will be sent to any reader on application to the offices of The Lincoln Farm Association.

A certificate of membership is sent to every one who contributes to the memorial twenty-five cents or more. The names of contributors are classified geographically in a cabinet case card-index, which, when completed, will find permanent place in the memorial building on the Lincoln birthplace farm. This list, together with the general reports and history of the Association, will be accessible to members at all times through the superintendent, who will reside on the farm. Those who have not already contributed to Lincoln's memory and have not yet enrolled their names as members of this patriotic Association should now make their contribution to the memory of Lincoln by sending their gift, with full name and post-office address, to Mr. Clarence H. Mackay, treasurer of The Lincoln Farm Association, at 74 Broadway, New York City, bearing in mind that in doing so their gift to Lincoln's memory is a gift to the nation.



behalf of the Confederates, and General James Grant Wilson of New York, a friend of the martyred President, will speak for the Federal soldiers.

In the studio of Mr. Adolph Alexander Weinman, in New York City, there is now nearing completion a noble statue of Lincoln, soon to be unveiled in the court-house square of Hodgenville, Lincoln's native town; this the outgrowth of appropriations made for the purpose by the Legislature of the State of Kentucky and the Congress of the United States.

Lincoln's native State is by no means indifferent to the fame of her greatest son. A modern automobile road, connecting Louisville with the farm, and to be known as the Lincoln Pike, is to be constructed by popular subscription and by the appropriations of fiscal courts. Governor Willson appointed a general State committee of one hundred foremost Kentuckians to arrange for the many Lincoln centennial exercises throughout the State, and to provide, so far as possible, comfort and accommodation for the many visitors who on the centennial day visit the birthplace farm. To more effectually assist Kentucky's interest in this centennial, this State general committee appointed county committees to cooperate with the people in the smaller local celebrations.

In Indiana a movement of tender sentiment was inaugurated by the State Legislature, which appropriated ten thousand dollars to provide for the proper marking, decoration, and permanent care of the grave of Lincoln's mother. Throughout the State exercises are held in all the colleges and schools in keeping with this generous and appreciative spirit.



There is no national park so near the center of population of the United States as the Lincoln Farm at Hodgenville, Ky.

celebrate the day, either in cooperation with some other organization or independently. Their camp-fires burn everywhere. The Governor of every State in the Union appointed a special Lincoln Centennial Committee to represent each State respectively in the national celebration that takes place at Lincoln's birthplace in Kentucky and to foster local celebration in every city, village, and community within its commonwealth confines.

The national thought is, of course, focused upon Lincoln's birthplace itself, which is the cause of the day's commemoration. On that rude little farm of one hundred and ten acres, which three years ago was rescued by The Lincoln Farm Association from a state of sad neglect, has been laid the foundation for the stately memorial. On that foundation President Roosevelt will lay the corner-stone and deliver his centennial address. Hon. Joseph W. Folk, former Governor of Missouri and president of The Lincoln Farm Association, will speak of the work and significance of the Association, which has inspired this worthy national recognition of the first home of our country's truest patriot. The Hon. Augustus E. Willson, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, will speak of Lincoln's first neighbors and of his native State; and for the two contending armies that represented Lincoln's divided people, General Luke E. Wright, the United States Secretary of War, will speak on



Mr. Adolph Weinman at work on the Lincoln Statue which will be erected to Hodgenville, Ky., his native town.



